

OBEYING THE LAW

Trick or Treating is only for children 12-years-old or younger.

Trick or treat times are:

- 🎃 Norfolk: Until 8 p.m.
- 🎃 Virginia Beach: Dusk to 8 p.m.
- 🎃 Portsmouth: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 🎃 Chesapeake: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 🎃 Suffolk: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 🎃 Hampton: Dusk to 8 p.m.
- 🎃 Newport News: Until 8 p.m.

UNHAUNTING YOUR HOME

- 🌟 Welcome trick-or-treaters at home by turning on your exterior lights.
- 🌟 Remove anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, bikes, toys, and lawn decorations.
- 🌟 Check outdoor lights and replace any burned out bulbs.
- 🌟 Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.

TREATS

NOTHING should be eaten until a parent examines it first.

Throw away ANYTHING unwrapped, or that appears to have been tampered with.

Notify the Police immediately if harmful items are found.

A SPINE-TINGLING TIP

Take a phenomenal photo of your little ghost or goblin for identification to keep for a memorable keepsake.

MAKE THE CALL

Keep the whole neighborhood safe by reporting any suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: 441-5610

For the Norfolk Police Department Patrol Division nearest you, call (757)-664-7000

Norfolk Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
2500 N. Military Highway
Norfolk, VA 23502
Phone: (757) 664-6901
Fax: (757) 664-6911
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PUT THE "TREAT"
BACK IN
"TRICK OR TREAT"
THIS HALLOWEEN
FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Norfolk Police
Department's Guide
to a fun and safe
Halloween



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween can be a fun holiday for kids, but can also potentially become very dangerous for them, simply because most of the activities occur during the night time hours and on or near roadways. Setting guidelines or rules for your children and participating with them will help make this year's trick or treating safe and fun for everyone.

SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- ☆ A parent or responsible adult should always accompany younger children during the trick or treating fun.
- ☆ Older children should be given a specific time to be home. Make them wear a watch.
- ☆ Have your child eat dinner before heading out to trick-or-treat.
- ☆ Make sure each child carries and uses a flashlight with new batteries.
- ☆ Know where your children are going. Make sure they have access to a cell phone so they can check in with you.
- ☆ Tell them to never eat any candy before you can inspect it.

ALL DRESSED UP

- 🕸 Ensure that the costume you purchase has a label clearly indicating that the costume is fire resistant.
- 🕸 Find a costume that is comfortable, fits well and allows your child to move easily and safely without tripping.
- 🕸 Make sure your child wears shoes that fit well and are comfortable for them.
- 🕸 Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to the costume and trick or treat bags for greater visibility.
- 🕸 Encourage the wearing of a wig and makeup versus the wearing of a mask. If a mask or head gear is worn, be sure that it fits properly, allows your child to breathe easily, and most importantly, allows your child to see where he/she is walking.
- 🕸 Don't carry toy weapons - especially toy firearms. As an alternative make toy accessories out of cardboard or other flexible material with reflective tape.

TIPS FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- 🕯 Only trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods.
- 🕯 Carry a flash light and/or glow sticks.
- 🕯 Walk. Don't run.
- 🕯 Walk on sidewalks if possible. If there are none, walk to the far left side of the street facing traffic.
- 🕯 When walking from house to house lift up your mask so you can see better.
- 🕯 Trick or treat only at the houses that have the front porch light on.
- 🕯 Never cut across yards or driveways.
- 🕯 Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- 🕯 Stay in groups with adults and communicate where you are going.
- 🕯 Never eat any candy before your parents inspect it.
- 🕯 **NEVER TRICK OR TREAT ALONE!**